

**PATENT**

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With Permanently Integrated  
Replenishable Power Source

**Group Art Unit:** 3766

**Examiner:** Malamud

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